

News & Information from Fire Chief Charlie Rich

I would like to start out by saying “thank you” to the residents of Dunstable for all their support the department received for our Annual Pizza Night. Your support was instrumental in making this event a success. The funds raised will help purchase gifts and refreshments for the Children’s Christmas Party to be held on December 7th.

Fall has arrived with the turning back of our clocks to daylight savings time. With this the weather turns colder and the firing up of the woodstoves to keep our homes warm. With this in mind I would like to remind everyone of a few things.

When you turn back your clocks it is a good time to check and/or change the batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Be sure to clean out your woodstoves often and have your chimneys clean to remove creosote and soot. This will help to prevent chimney fires. When removing the ashes be sure to store them in a metal container outside for a brief period of time before you empty the container. This will help prevent any chance of starting a fire.

If you are installing a new woodstove please remember you will need a permit and schedule an inspection before use from the Building Inspector.

As the holiday season approaches we find ourselves putting up holiday decorations. When setting up your Christmas trees remember not to have them close to any kind of heat source and please be sure to water them on a daily basis. Don’t overload the electrical outlets with too many extension cords and/or strings of lights.

Lastly, I would like to ask all residents to be sure that they either have their house number on their mailbox or good size numbers on the front of your home. This is very helpful for the fire department when responding to an emergency when seconds count.

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the fire station or give us a call at 978-649-6661 and department will assist you in any way it can.